

REMARKS

The Official Action of September 24, 2004, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application are now claims 1-13, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

Claims 11-13 have been added. Claims 1-13 remain in the application for consideration.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the abstract, Applicant has enclosed a new substitute abstract for that originally filed drafted to eliminate the term "means" and to reduce its length. Applicant respectfully submits that this objection has now been overcome.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claims 1-10 to eliminate the problems identified by the Examiner, and added new claims 11-13 to cover features deleted from claims 2, 7 and 10. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection has now been overcome.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 1-10 would be allowable subject to overcoming his 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection. Applicant having

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overcome this rejection as noted above, respectfully submits that claims 1-13 are now allowable and that this application is in condition for allowance.

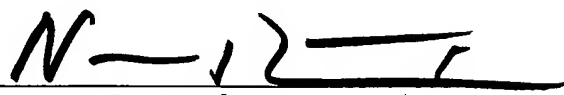
Acknowledgement by the PTO of the receipt of applicants' papers filed under Section 119 is noted.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their applications against any of applicant's claims.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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